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25X1 1. It was learned on 19 January 1950 that the reconstruction of the second track of the Wittenberge (N 53/Y 69) - Geesthottberg (N 53/Y 77) line is
25X1 planned for 1950.

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The second track is to be relaid on the Wittenberge-Leestrottern line. The work is to be undertaken by the Wittenberge Railroad Construction Bureau. Its execution is to begin as soon as possible. For this purpose a work order with a detailed list of the required permanent way materials, as arranged by telephone on 3 March 1950, will have to be submitted. The required labor will be recruited in agreement with the labor office. The construction work will be performed according to the specifications laid down for the R 49 Br 45 L type permanent road. A graphic time table indicating the scheduled progress of the construction work will be submitted for approval. If the required materials are delivered in time, the project should be completed by 27 May 1950.

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Comment. This section of the line is a bottle-neck on the Wittenberge-Lagdeburg (153/V 60) trunk line which can only be overcome by the reconstruction of the second track. For sketch see Annex.

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Whether the second track of the Elbe River bridge, with a span of 1,100 meters, is also to be rehabilitated, is not quite clear, but probable. At present the roadbed of the second track is being used as a roadway in lieu of the destroyed road bridge. By order of the Soviets this roadway was recently widened from 3 to 3.60 meters.

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This work was completed in May. It is not known whether the roadbed of the second track will continue as a temporary roadway after the reconstruction of the second track. In the Investment Program for 1950, 525,000 roubles are earmarked for the construction project. K 49 Br-type permanent road is built with the heaviest rails in 30 meter lengths. 45 E means that 45 steel ties are provided for 30 meters of rails. The target date for the completion of the project does not seem to have been kept since the beginning of the work was considerably delayed and information on its completion has not been received.

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